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August 2013

August Artist of the Month- Dee Farhat- Paintings

A reception for Dee will be held at Ledge Craft Lane, Aug.10 from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information call (517) 627-9843.

Lunch & Learn - Maintaining Your Independence While Avoiding a Nursing Home

Aug 15th from 10:30am-12:00pm It goes without saying that nobody wants to end up in a nursing home. It's the single worst scenario in most people's imagination. Learn about steps one can take to keep being independent as possible and hopefully avoid going to a nursing home. Don't worry, it's avoidable and we are going to tell you how. FREE and lunch is provided as well. For further info call 517-627-7585.

Lunch & Learn - Managing your Diabetes

Aug. 21 from 10:30-12:00pm Diabetes affects millions of Americans. It is caused by a defect in the way our bodies make or use insulin. Without enough insulin to help process the food we eat, our levels of blood sugar become too high which can lead to serious complications including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure or even death. This is why the right care of your diabetes is very important. Come listen to Diane speak about various ways to manage your diabetes. RSVP by Aug. 19 to 517-627-7585

Vet's Pilot Program

Eaton County Commission Chairman Blake Mulder and Parks Commission Chairman L. Robert McConnell have announced that Eaton County Parks will initiate a "pilot" program on August 1st to waive admission fees for Eaton County Parks for any vehicle displaying Medal of Honor, Disabled Veteran or Missing in Action plates. The month long promotion will honor these highly decorated service persons in conjunction with a new recognition of the State of Michigan specialty license plate offering through the Secretary of State. Governor Rick Snyder recently signed this tribute to Veterans' legislation, which will be implemented in 2014 by the State Park system. According to Eaton Parks Director John Greenslit, "this is the first such recognition in the entire State of Michigan" and "recognizes the effort of Governor Snyder to emphasize collaboration efforts between units of government" as a model for efficiency and effectiveness."

OVER THE LEDGE theatre co.
The Ledges Playhouse - Fitzgerald Park
a comedy by Mitch Albom
Duck Hunter Shoots Angel
directed by Rick Dethlefsen
August 1st - August 11th 2013
8pm Thurs-Sat • 2pm Sun

REEL HIT SCORE
www.overtheledge.org • 517-318-0579

2013 Walking In Our Community Series
FREE Monthly Walking Events through-out the Tri-County

#6 August 13th—6:30pm
Grand Ledge Walks
with Mayor
Kalmin Smith

Meet—Maypole Park, Downtown Grand Ledge
6:30pm—Kids Obstacle Adventure
Hosted by Shape It Up Health Club
7:00pm—Historic Downtown Tour Walk or a Fit Walk

Sign-Up for NEW Grand Ledge Walking Club!

For questions, please call Alicia Armstrong, Playmakers
517-282-5035 or visit www.cphiansing.com

In partnership with Grand Ledge Building Healthy Communities
To join or learn more contact Jill Sambaer, Health Educator
517-541-2610 or jsambaer@bedhd.org

Welcome Our New Members!

Darren Allen
1029 Gretchen Lane
Grand Ledge

Andrew Pizana
205 W. River St.
Grand Ledge



Drop-in Painting Class at Ledge Craft Lane

August 20th from 10-2pm. We will be doing a yet to be determined acrylic project or you can bring you own project. Cost is \$15.00, paints and brushes will be available. Pre-register by calling Kimberly Conklin at 517-712-5075.

Friday Night Dinners are Back

The Cole-Briggs Post 48 American Legion will be serving dinner from 6-8pm. Take-out is available by calling 627-1232. Come Support your Military.

Menu: **Aug 9th is the Taco Bar** with hard and soft shells, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, shredded cheese and cookies for dessert.

Aug 16th is the Baked Potato Bar with your choice of toppings: bacon crumbles, shredded cheese, butter, sour cream, corn and Brownies for dessert.

Dog Days of Summer: Precious Pooch Pageant

Aug. 27th from 6-7:30pm. Your dog doesn't have to be a Diva or Debonair to be part of our precious pooch pageant. Perhaps your dog has a cute smile, funny bark or unique markings, Maybe your dog has an unusual talent. Either way, bring your pooch to Independence Village of Grand Ledge for their chance to be on the red carpet and entertain the residents of IVGL and the public at large. Please RSVP to enter your favorite canine as soon as possible, but as late as Aug. 22. It's FREE!! For further info call 517-627-7585.

3RD Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk

Eaton County Parks is sponsoring a Labor Day Bridge walk in Grand Ledge on Monday, September 2, 2013. This FREE event runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon, with walkers reporting to Fitzgerald Park to board buses to Oak Park on the north side of the Grand River. Dean Transportation is providing the shuttle buses that will run through the morning. There is no registration required. Walkers will take the brisk pathway along City streets near Oak Park, crossing the Grand River bridge southbound and proceeding on the riverfront trail at Island Park to Fitzgerald or following the sidewalk on Jefferson to Fitzgerald Park. With gas prices hovering around \$4.00 per gallon, families can enjoy the special day closer to home. Each walker will receive a participation certificate issued by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness signed by Governor Rick Snyder. The route is fully accessible, including a special shuttle bus. Walkers are encouraged to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. Eaton County Parks offers a variety of hiking trails throughout its nine park sites, with the gem of the system located within Fitzgerald Park. For those with additional energy, all local trails will be accessible. Impress your friends and neighbors by participating in "The Bridge Walk", and let them assume it was the Mackinac Bridge! Satchel Paige once said, "it ain't bragging if you did it!" For more information: 517-627-7351.



Paddle, Bike, Run!

The Grand Adventure Race is a modified triathlon for both experienced triathletes and novices. With the option for individual participation or two-to-three person relay teams, this triathlon can be as fast or friendly as you make it!

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September 22, 2013 | Jaycee Park | Grand Ledge

For more information on registration, sponsorship, and volunteer opportunities, visit www.grandadventure.com

ARMY RANGER

SPC Bradley D. Rappuhn Memorial



Poker Run
August 24th



AMERICAN LEGION POST 48



731 N Clinton St.
Grand Ledge

Registration 9-11am

Self-Paced 147 miles

Beer Tent

August 22nd - 24th

Thursday 4pm till 12am

Friday 4pm till 2am

Saturday 4pm till 2am

\$10.00 per
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&
\$5.00 Bonus
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Questions call Jason @ 517-862-2920



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Fitzgerald Park Closure August 26-30, 2013

Fitzgerald Park will be closed the week of August 26-30 due to scheduled railroad crossing improvements. G L Public Services Director Larry LaHaie indicated work on the tracks at the Park entrance was originally set for September but was re-scheduled for August. Re-opening of the Park is subject to weather related completion of the project, which is estimated to finish within three days. Parks Director Greenslit said several functions had to be re-scheduled or asked to seek an alternate location as there is no alternative entry into Fitzgerald Park. Greenslit apologized for the inconvenience and noted the other eight County Parks will be open as usual and encouraged the public to visit a different Park they have not previously visited. Railroad crossing improvements are not expected to impact on scheduled weekend events and activities. It does appear that City Wastewater Treatment Plant and Parks Department services will be reduced, due to the lack of access to the Park. Updates available by calling Public Services at 627-5744.

Ariana's Toddler Playground Dedication at Fitzgerald Park

ECP will be holding a dedication ceremony for Ariana's Kids' Playground on Tuesday, Aug. 13th at 12:15 pm at Fitzgerald Park. The installation of a memorial sign will highlight the ceremony to honor the memory of Ariana Lusi, who passed away November 30, 2010 due to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) disease. Ariana's parents, Kelly and Kris Lusi of Grand Ledge, have held fund raising events for the past two years to provide special funding for research into the cause of SUDC as well as the toddler playground in honor of their daughter. The ceremony precedes the 3rd Annual Run and Play for Ariana Mae fund raising special kids' day at Fitzgerald Park on Saturday, Aug 17. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. with complete details listed at www.arianasrun.com. The general public is invited to the dedication ceremony as well as the third annual special kids' day program. Ariana's mother, Kelly, has joined the Friends of Eaton County Parks and serves as President. Husband, Kris, serves on the Board of Directors. ECP Director John Greenslit commented that "the dedication ceremony brings attention to the commitment of the community to give back, and the Lusi family story is one of the most rewarding examples of the dedication to provide opportunities for youngsters to enjoy our Parks." "This example of giving back in the face of adversity should make us all proud," Greenslit concluded.

Sponsorship and donation information is listed on the website or call Eaton County Parks at 627-7351.

Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition Results

The Eaton County Parks Punt, Pass, and Kick champion was determined on Saturday, August 3, at the Eaton Rapids High School Football Stadium under the leadership of ERHS Head Football Coach Mike Smith. Honorary Chairman Sheriff Tom Reich presented the recognition award to Noah Johnson, 15 years old, from Eaton Rapids. Johnson is now eligible for regional competition to compete for a berth for the State title at a Detroit Lions game at Ford Field, with the date still to be determined. If Johnson qualifies through the best in the NFL division teams, he will be participating in the national finals in January at a NFL Playoff game. ECP Director John Greenslit sponsored the event as a member of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA). MRPA administers this program each year through their staff at State headquarters in Okemos. Justin Lippe coordinates the program. MRPA phone is 517-485-9888.

Fox Park Observatory - Summer Viewing

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join us this summer at the Fox Park Observatory for public viewing nights on the following Saturdays - August 10 and 24, 9:00 p.m.—Midnight; and September 7, 14, and 21, 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. Local area astronomers will be on hand to answer questions about the night sky. Public viewing nights are suitable for people of all ages. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable on site. Public viewing nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at 645-6666 during public viewing hours to check sky conditions. The Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy., Potterville, MI 48876, is an open air observatory so please dress appropriately for the weather, bring mosquito protection, and wear sensible footwear for the 200 yard walk to the observatory. Please visit our website at www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the office at 627-7351.

BLOOD DRIVE

COMMUNITY EVENT



Haddads Agency
Bob Haddad Jr.
403 South Clinton
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Friday, August 23
1:00–7:00 pm
We need your help to save lives.

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Ledger Chiropractic
Free spinal screenings

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Haddads Agency

FREE ACTIVITIES

- Hot dogs & munchies
- Face painting
- Door prizes
- Bounce house
Sponsored by Ledger Chiropractic





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Haddads Agency
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE
403 South Clinton, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Friday August 23
1:00–7:00 pm

Haddads Agency Farm Bureau Insurance is proud to now be in Grand Ledge. Help us celebrate by participating in a blood drive for the Red Cross. Free food, kids' activities and door prizes. Meet other local business owners from the area as we work together to save lives. To schedule an appointment call 517-580-7832 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **Haddads**. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Bring this postcard with you as your door prize entry.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?



August 2013

Aug. 8-18 **Duck Hunter Shoots Angel"** Comedy
Ledges Playhouse Theater 896-4613

Aug. **Music in the Park**
Bridge Street Plaza at 7:30pm.
Bring a lawn chair and weather permitting

Aug. 8 Chris Hitchcock and Small Town Son
Aug. 15 Delilah Wylde
Aug. 22 Soulstice
Aug. 29 Toppermost

September 2013

Sept. 12-22 **The Great American Trailer Musical**
Ledges Playhouse Theater 896-4613

Sept. 12 **Chamber Golf Outing** at Centennial Acres

Sept. 22 **Grand Adventure Race** at JC Park

Sept. 26 **Opera House 20th Anniversary**
Dinner & Fundraiser aboard the
Michigan Princess Riverboat

October, 2013

Oct. 11 **Craft Beer and Wine Tasting**
Brought to you by the Opera House
and Chamber of Commerce - 7pm

Oct. 11-13 **Color Cruise and Island Festival**
10am-5pm at Island Park

